AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," providing for emergency COVID-19 provisions.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding an article to read:
ARTICLE I-A

EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROVISIONS

Section 101-A. Extension of waiver provisions.

(a) Waiver.--The Secretary of Community and Economic Development shall immediately issue a waiver to the Governor's 20200319 TWW COVID 19 Business Closure Order to all licensed racing entities to hold horse race meetings if all of the following apply:

(1) The licensed racing entities can, at a racetrack or racetrack enclosure, provide for the adherence to the social distancing practices and other mitigation measures defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to protect workers and to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

(2) The State Horse Racing Commission authorizes the activities necessary to regulate horse race meetings.

(3) The Pennsylvania Race Horse Testing Program under 3 Pa.C.S. § 9372 (relating to establishment of Pennsylvania Race Horse Testing Program) is operational at the time the horse race meetings are conducted.

(b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

"Horse race meeting." As defined in 3 Pa.C.S. § 9301 (relating to definitions).
"Licensed racing entity." As defined in 3 Pa.C.S. § 9301.
"Racetrack." As defined in 3 Pa.C.S. § 9301.
"Racetrack enclosure." As defined in 3 Pa.C.S. § 9301.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.